

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AMERICAN LONG LINES, INC. FOR A)
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC97-012

On February 6, 1997, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from American Long Lines, Inc. (ALL).

ALL will offer outbound telecommunications services to residential and business customers, utilizing switched and dedicated access. ALL will also offer travel card and inbound toll-free services. A proposed tariff was filed by ALL. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 13, 1997, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 28, 1997, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 24, 1997, meeting, the Commission considered ALL's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that ALL has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. ALL has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves ALL's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that ALL's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that ALL shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of July, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Delaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>7/3/97</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner